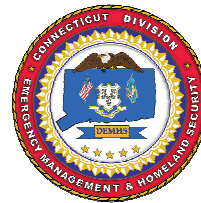




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## STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – MONITORING

The National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Warnings for the entire state that begin at midnight and continue until 6:00 PM Wednesday evening. A large storm system is forecast to impact all of New England late tonight thru Wednesday Afternoon.

**Tonight...** Patchy light snow is forecast to begin around midnight with lows in the upper 20's. The snow is forecast to become moderate by 4:00 AM and then heavy at times by 6:00 AM across most of the state with temperatures holding in the upper 20's.

**Wednesday Morning...** Snow Heavy at times in Northern Connecticut with a mix of sleet and rain in Southern Connecticut. A rain/snow line is forecast to develop along the coast by 7:00 AM and move inland to the Hartford area by 10:00 AM. North of the line heavy snow is expected, with sleet and freezing rain south of the line. A major impact is expected on the Wednesday morning rush hour with 3" – 5" of snow cover on roads, low visibilities, heavy snow falling, and very slick driving conditions. Snowfall rates of 1" – 2" inches per hour can be expected north of the changeover line. After the end of the morning rush hour, road conditions may start to improve along the coast and then in Southern CT by noon. Temperatures are forecast to hold in the upper 20's in Northern CT and rise to near 35 F at the coast. Some icing is expected in southern and central Connecticut which may result in some power outages.

**Wednesday Afternoon...** The rain/snow line is forecast to get as far north as the MA border by 1:00 PM before moving back down to the I-84 Corridor by 4:00 PM. However the precipitation is expected to taper off to light snow and showers by 2:00 PM with slowly improving road conditions in Northern CT. Light snow is expected to continue thru the afternoon and taper off completely Wednesday evening. Highs near freezing with temperatures starting to fall back into the upper 20's by the end of the afternoon rush hour. The overall impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor to moderate.

Total snowfall for this storm is forecast to range from 3" – 6" along the coast, 6" – 9" across most of the state and up to 12" in the Northwest Hills.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update this evening at 8:00 PM.

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